

**CITY OF LOVELAND
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: David Kennedy, City Manager
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: March 26, 2021

Administration

Throughout the week, numerous site visits were conducted to interested residents regarding the Loveland Heights Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program. The CIC is meeting next week to help offer guidance regarding the eligibility of various projects.

The Law Ordinance Committee met on Monday. In their meeting they discussed three proposals for legislation pertaining to the property maintenance code. The proposed policies include:

1. The creation of a chapter for Public Nuisance and Blight Removal;
2. Amendments to Section 351.18 involving Junk and Abandoned Vehicles; and
3. Amendments comprising various sections of Chapter 1305.

The committee suggested minor revisions to the proposals. It is anticipated that a subsequent meeting will be scheduled in mid-late April; after which the proposals will then be presented to council. Additional information can be found at:

<http://lovelandoh.igq2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&ID=1422&Inline=True>.

Tuesday evening, the Streetscape Plan selection group met virtually to assist with the selection of a firm to complete the city's Downtown Streetscape Plan. Of the eight firms submitting proposals, the group recommended the selection of KZF Design to complete the plan. It is anticipated that legislation authorizing the execution of an agreement with KZF, will be presented to council at their April 13, meeting. Thanks to those who assisted with the firm selection for this important planning document, including John Robinson and Doug Gilbert from the Tree and Environment Committee, Mary Ann Lynn and Katie Coulson from the Historic Preservation and Planning Commission, and Assistant City Manager, Tom Smith.

Thursday, Police Chief, Sean Rahe and I attended the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance's Business Expo. The purpose of our attendance was to make ourselves available to answer any questions that those in attendance may have regarding the parking meter pilot program.

Finance

The Finance Department received additional training this week regarding the upcoming parking pilot program. The Department is becoming more familiar with the software and apps that the program will utilize when it's proposed to begin.

The Department has also been assisting customers that have had questions regarding the sanitation services rate adjustment.

Building and Zoning

Lyle's Bikes, Brews and BBQ is now under new ownership. More information can be obtained at: <https://www.facebook.com/Lylesbikesbrewsbbq/>. The signage application for Tahona Restaurant has been approved. Tahona Restaurant is scheduled to open in April.

Public Works

After many delays, the Broadway Street Stabilization project finally commenced construction this week. The \$413,900 project which is being funded through a 50% grant and a 50%, 0% loan, is one of many major construction projects set to commence in 2021. This important project, which City Engineer, Cindy Klopfenstein has been seeking funding for multiple grant cycles, will secure a significant hillside slippage issue with a drilled pier retaining wall. The project also consists of installing new barrier curb, storm sewer and box culvert, guardrail, pavement repair, and grading. While thru traffic is blocked during construction, all residents within the project boundary are able to access their residences.



The city continued to receive reports this week that the sirens installed on the Karl Brown Way approach to the train trestle has stopped strikes on the trestle.

Thursday, pre-bid meetings were held for the Miami Drive Culvert and Butterworth Sewer Main Extension projects. Both projects have bid due dates of April 1, 2021.

Police

The relaxing of COVID and the nice weather continue to increase calls to LPD. Service calls have already returned to the 2019 levels. Chief Rahe worked with Krista Rose, Mandy Lucas, IPS, and ParkMobile on the parking meter pilot program. LPD, Goshen Township Police Department, Miami Township Police Department, and the Milford Police Department are once again hosting the Junior Police Academy for youth 13-16 on June 1-4.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

The Community Improvement Corporation will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Recreation Board will meet on Wednesday, March 31, at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

The Public Relations and Communications Committee will meet on Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

City offices will be closed Friday, April 1, in observation of Good Friday.